

House File 2186 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the boards of directors of school districts
2 to engage independent contractors to serve as dyslexia
3 specialists.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.76 Dyslexia specialists.

2 Subject to an appropriation by the general assembly for such
3 purpose, the board of directors of a school district may engage
4 an independent contractor to serve as a dyslexia specialist.
5 The dyslexia specialist shall provide technical guidance and
6 assistance, including professional development, strategies, and
7 materials to the school district relating to identification of
8 and instruction for students with characteristics of dyslexia.
9 The specialist shall be highly trained in dyslexia and have
10 a minimum of three years of field experience in screening,
11 identifying, and treating dyslexia and related disorders.

| 12 | EXPLANATION |
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13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill authorizes the boards of directors of school
16 districts to engage independent contractors to serve as
17 dyslexia specialists, subject to an appropriation by the
18 general assembly for such purpose. Dyslexia specialists
19 are required to provide technical guidance and assistance,
20 including professional development, strategies, and materials
21 to the school district relating to the identification of and
22 instruction for students with characteristics of dyslexia.